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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-P'IL
TO US.

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1. AGAIN AT REQUEST OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-P'IL
(KCP) "MICKEY" KIM CALLED ON ME JANUARY 17 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE
VISIT OF KCP TO US.

2. KCP NOW HAS FULL PRESIDENTIAL CLEARANCE TO TRAVEL TO
EUROPE, PROBABLY STOPPING EN ROUTE IN JAPAN AND THEN TO
VISIT US. AT PRESENT TIME HE WOULD TRAVEL AS "PRIVATE
CITIZEN" WITH NO OFFICIAL ROKG ROLE, SUCH AS SPECIAL ENVOY
OF PRESIDENT PARK. IT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT MORE OFFICIAL
ROLE OR TITLE MAY YET BE GIVEN TO KCP BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

3. IN US, KCP PROJECTS AS HIS PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY TO
SURVEY REALISTICALLY US SCENE PARTICULARLY AS IT PERTAINS
TO KOREA AND TO LISTEN AND LEARN VIEWS OF CARTER ADMINIS-
TRATION, FOR PURPOSE OF REPORTING PRIVKLELY TO PRESIDENT
PARK. HE MAY ADDITIONALLY HAVE SOME MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT
PARK TO IMPART TO SENIOR USG OFFICIALS. KCP STRONGLY
BELIEVES THAT PRESIDENT PARK NEEDS CLEARCUT, REALISTIC

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APPRAISAL OF US SCENE FROM SOMEONE SUCH AS HIMSELF, IN WHOM
PARK HAS CONFIDENCE, IN ORDER TO GAIN CLEAR UNDERSTANDING
OF PROBLEMS FACING PARK IN DEALING WITH NEW CARTER ADMINIS-
TRATION. KCP PERFORMED SIMILAR MISSION IN NOVEMBER 1979
WHEN TRAVELLING AS "PRIVATE CITIZEN" HE MET WITH THEN-
NSC ADVISOR KISSINGER AND SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.
THIS VISIT WORKED VERY WELL AT TIME AND KCP SEES SIMILAR

VISIT AS CONSIDERABLY MORE IMPORTANT NOW.

4. IF VISIT WORKS OUT, KCP WOULD WISH TO SEE KEY INDIVIDUALS IN NEW ADMINISTRATION INCLUDING SUCH PEOPLE AS SECRETARY DESIGNATE VANCE, UNDER SECRETARY HABIB, AND BRZEZINSKI. HE WOULD CARRY OUT VISIT WITH ABSOLUTELY MINIMAL PUBLICITY, HAVING NO INTEREST IN EVEN MAKING KNOWN HIS PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON.

5. ACCORDING TO MICKEY KIM, KCP NOW PLANS TO LEAVE FOR EUROPEAN AND JAPAN LEGS OF TRIP AROUND MID-FEBRUARY AND WOULD VISIT WASHINGTON END OF MONTH OR EARLY MARCH. HOWEVER, TIMING IS ADJUSTABLE AND KCP WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT COME TO US IF TIMING UNSUITABLE AND APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS NOT AVAILABLE TO SEE HIM. HE CONSIDERS VISIT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS, AND CERTAINLY TO PRESIDENT PARK, BUT HE IS NOT GOING TO PRESS FOR IT IF NEW ADMINISTRATION FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE.

6. KCP ASKED, THROUGH MICKEY KIM, FOR WASHINGTON REACTION AND GUIDANCE ON TIMING OF VISIT, POSSIBILITIES OF SEEING SENIOR OFFICIALS IN NEW ADMINISTRATION, AND OF COURSE SUITABILITY OF VISIT PER SE. I TOLD MICKEY KIM THAT I COULD OF COURSE PROVIDE NO PERSONAL REACTION BUT WOULD HAVE TO SEEK GUIDANCE WHICH COULD TAKE SOME TIME.

7. RECOMMENDATION: WHILE RECOGNIZING THE PITFALLS OF DEALING WITH SPECIAL EMISSARIES, KCP IS PROBABLY MOST SUITABLE KOREAN CANDIDATE, IN TERMS OF INTELLIGENCE AND WILLINGNESS
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TO FACE PRESIDENT PARK WITH UNPLEASANT REALITIES, TO PROVIDE PARK WITH CLEARCUT UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT PERSPECTIVE OF ADMINISTRATION AND US PUBLIC AND CONGRESS ON KOREA. INADEQUACIES OF PRESIDENT PARK'S UNDERSTANDING OF US HAVE BEEN APLY DEMONSTRATED IN PAST AND KCP VISIT COULD THEREFORE PERFORM UNOFFICIAL MISSION USEFUL TO OUR INTERESTS. TIMING MAY HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED IN LIGHT FONMIN'S PROPOSED VISIT.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON PROSPECTS OF ARRANGING KCP VISIT TO WASHINGTON AS OUTLINED ABOVE FOR PRIVATE TRANSMITTAL TO KCP.
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